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In re application of

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REMARKS

This Response is submitted following an Office Action of July 16, 2001, in the above-referenced application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the prior art rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 12-43 are presently pending in the application. The Examiner has maintained a rejection of these claims under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Connell in view of Taylor. The Examiner recognizes that Connell fails to anticipate the present invention because it lacks specific teachings, including a package for golf balls. As a result, the Examiner resorts to Taylor as a secondary reference, and contends that the combination of the two references render the present invention obvious.

Applicants respectfully disagree.

Connell discloses, as the Examiner recognizes, general information concerning cigars. However, Connell fails to teach or suggest setting forth specific information concerning the